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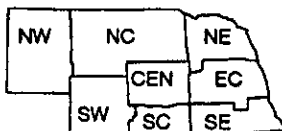
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged above normal in the west by two or three degrees and two to three degrees below normals over the eastern half. Only trace amounts of precipitation occurred throughout the week.

GENERAL

Harvest activities made excellent progress this past week with the continuation of favorable fall harvest weather conditions, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The dry weather conditions and low moisture content of harvested grains has saved many farmers the cost of artificially drying. Fall tillage activities and movement of cattle to fenced stalks has occurred as soon as fields were harvested. Other farm activities included fall livestock care.

CROPS

Harvest of corn for grain made excellent progress last week with 87% of the State's acreage picked by week's end, about two and a half weeks ahead of the 5-year average. Some lodging continued to be reported and encourages the current quick harvest pace.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean harvest also progressed well with its fast pace and as of Sunday, 96% had been cut. This completion rate was nearly two weeks ahead of average.

Grain sorghum harvest progressed at an increasing rate last week with the ideal conditions and reached 96% complete by week's end. The harvested acreage was about three and a half weeks ahead of average.

Wheat condition was rated at 11% very poor, 9% poor, 40% fair, 37% good, and 3% excellent. Emergence was behind last year and average owing to insufficient soil moisture. Some stands were spotty while others have progressed well. Moisture remains a major concern for continued emergence and adequate fall growth.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 64% of normal. Cattle continued to glean stalk fields or to be moved onto harvested fields. Producers were working and weaning calves. Some cases of pneumonia were reported, due to the dusty conditions of this hot, dry fall.

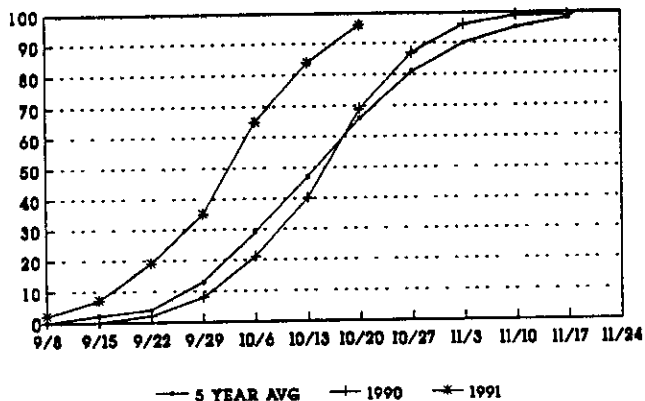
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 20, 1991	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	55	86	85	93	92	65	94	98	87	74	59	57
% sorghum harvested	0	85	94	98	97	75	95	100	96	84	69	66
% soybeans harvested	0	100	95	98	95	80	100	97	96	92	89	84
% wheat emerged	100	96	98	100	83	99	83	60	90	87	93	97
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 18, 1991												
Days suitable	7.0	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.6	
Topsoil moisture - Short	64	92	100	90	100	82	100	100	93	81	82	
(Percent) - Adequate	36	8	0	10	0	18	0	0	7	19	18	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Subsoil moisture - Short	57	83	76	90	93	73	100	100	85	82	78	
(Percent) - Adequate	43	17	24	10	7	27	0	0	15	18	22	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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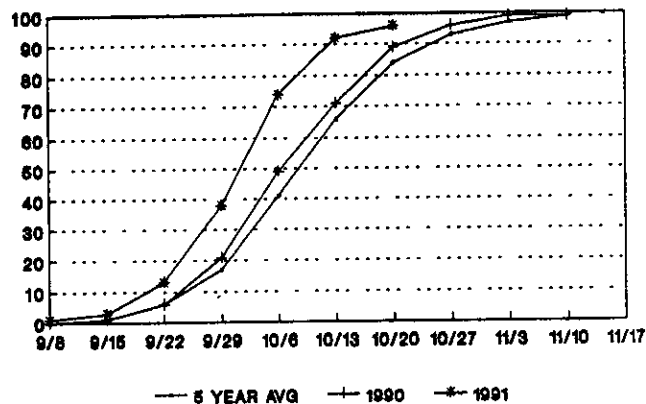
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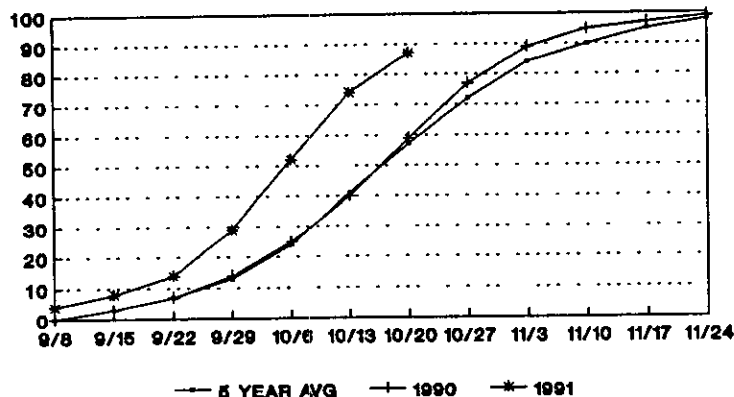
NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



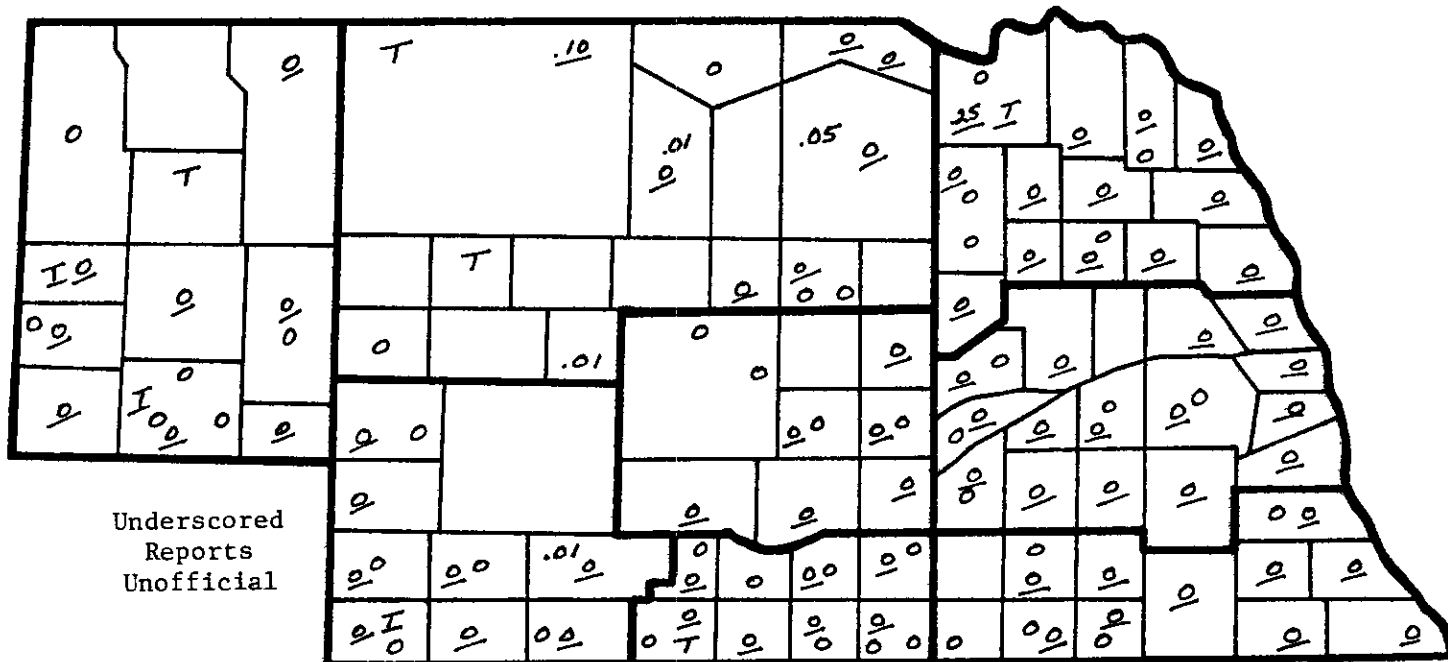
NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1991



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1991

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	90	25	53	---	T
Scottsbluff	90	25	53	+3	T
Sidney	90	28	53	---	0
NC Valentine	93	22	51	+2	.08
NE Norfolk	85	22	49	-3	T
Sioux City	84	19	50	-2	T
CEN Grand Island	86	25	53	0	0
Ord	90	23	51	---	0
EC Lincoln	85	25	52	-2	0
Omaha	81	26	50	-4	0
SW Imperial	---	---	---	---	---
North Platte	89	26	52	+2	.01

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.